THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) Some Members of the present council and the Secretary do not fulfil the terms and conditions of appointment as provided in the Act & Rules, fully and adequately.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The members are not being paid salary from the council. Only Secretary is being paid salary and he is not drawing pension from any other organisation.

(e) Does not arise.

Mid-day Meal scheme

†*398. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide mid-day meal to the children in Government schools in the various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to implement this scheme in those Government schools where it has not been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) A Mid-day meal scheme is already being implemented for children studying in Classes I—V in Government, local body and Government aided schools, as also in Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS & AIE) centres.

(c) To facilitate serving of cooked meals in schools where this has not been happening so far, Planning Commission has asked State Governments to earmark minimum 15% of additional Central assistance under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, as from 2004-05, for meeting cooking cost under Mid-day Meal scheme.

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